CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	ASI148.jpg
Other known title(s):	ASl1478
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Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	15 September 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable.

The image on the printout shows a man involving a young girl in sexual activity. The purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children. Images such as these encourage viewers to see children as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to strengthen this sexual interest and encourage the sexual exploitation of children.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.